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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 342
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor Vera Mae McCollum Owen on the
occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Vera Mae McCollum Owen is one such outstanding person who has served with acumen for 30 years at the Reelfoot Regional Library Center; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Union City High School, Mrs. Owen began working at the Center as a Bookmobile Driver in 1967 and in 1987 became bookmobile librarian, serving six counties and fourteen libraries within the area; and

WHEREAS, she has served with probity in selecting and maintaining materials for the bookmobile collection, processing regional and local library materials and working with reading clubs of the Family and Community Education Extension Offices; and

WHEREAS, during her exemplary career, Vera Owen has played an instrumental role in providing library services to area post offices, day care centers, elderly nutrition centers, factories, senior citizen centers, nursing homes and community centers; and

WHEREAS, her retirement will mark an end to an exemplary 30-year career in service to the good people of Benton, Carroll, Gibson, Henry, Obion and Weakley counties; and

WHEREAS, Vera Owen exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

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WHEREAS, her many achievements aside, Mrs. Owen is most appreciative of the love and support she shares with her children, Dennis Owen, Kathy Owen McDaniel and Jerri Owen Guzman; and five grandchildren: Dustin Owen, Callie Guzman, Ashley Miller, Aaron Miller and Alexandria Miller. She is the widow of the late Robert Owen; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Owen evinces her strong faith as a member of the Central Baptist Church and is very active in the Bob Reavis Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Martin; and

WHEREAS, Vera Owen's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mrs. Vera Owen our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Mrs. Owen with this final clause omitted from such copy.